Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Between the Chelakkara road and portions by the side of the Bharata river there is a stretch of reserve forest where there is no vehicular traffic. The road proposed by the Board is branching from Pazhayannur and it touches all the villages. Therefore they thought it would be better to construct the Pazhayannur Kondazhi road instead of continuing the Chelakkara road.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—That is to say a person who has to go to Chelakara will have to go to Pazhayannur ten miles away and then traverse through the new road which you are going to construct?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It is to have a new opening with the village of Kondazhi and Mayannur and to meet the requirements of the people of these villages and the surrounding villages. This is considered to be more important than the requirements of Chelakkara people going to Karukkadavu. An opening has to be made with these villages to meet places like Pazhayannur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does the Government know that if this Chelakkara road is taken to the banks of the Bharata River will it not be in continuation of the road from Vaniyamkulam to Thrikkanamkode?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is it with that knowledge that they have not cared to complete the rest 2½ miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—This was considered.

Road construction—Amount spent for.

308. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the total amount of Rs. 1,25,000 budgetted for 1112 towards construction as per the recommendations of the Road Board Committee has been fully spent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The amount spent in 1112 is Rs. 1,07,500—3—6. The balance though not paid, will not lapse.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—May I know why the balance was not spent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The work has not progressed to such an extent as to spend money.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—How much of the second year's allotment will be spent in the course of 1113?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The whole of 1¼ lakhs and the balance here will be spent this year.

Thekkinkad Maidan—improvement of—tenders for.

309. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of contractors who tendered for the construction of drains, etc., in the Thekkinkad Maidan with the rates of reductions offered by them;

(2) the name of the person whose tender was accepted;

(3) the probable cost of work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—

(1)

1.	Mr. N. O. Inasu	33½ o/o less
2.	Mr. A. S. Mahadeva Ayyar	22½ o/o less
3.	Mr. K. V. Inasu	22¾ o/o less
4.	Mr. K. V. Ayyappan	21¾ o/o less
5.	Mr. K. M. Kunju Ezhuthassan	31¾ o/o less
6.	Mr. Naickan Raman Bhadran	34¾ o/o less
7.	Mr. P. U. Antony	21 o/o less

(2) Mr. N. O. Inasu.

(3) The estimated cost is Rs. 22,100.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Is there not an understanding that the whole of the earthworks should be given to Naickens alone?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Yes.

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